



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 868***

LCO No. 2789

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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES BY MUNICIPALITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-283 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) No [municipal corporation] municipality shall employ private  
4 detectives in the investigation or detection of crime at an expense of  
5 more than [five hundred] two thousand dollars unless (1) a specific  
6 appropriation therefor has been made, [nor unless] (2) the authorities  
7 [thereof] of such municipality have first applied to the [state police]  
8 Division of State Police within the Department of Public Safety for  
9 assistance in such investigation and waited a reasonable time for said  
10 [state police] division to act, and (3) the authorities of such  
11 municipality have given written notice of the hiring of such private  
12 detectives not less than seven business days prior to such hiring to (A)  
13 the police chief of the municipality, if applicable, (B) the Division of  
14 State Police within the Department of Public Safety, and (C) the state's  
15 attorney for the judicial district in which the municipality is located.

16     (b) Any municipal official who violates any provision of subsection  
17     (a) of this section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars and  
18     shall be liable to such municipality in a civil action for the amount  
19     expended in excess of such sum as has been appropriated for such  
20     investigation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2011	7-283
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To update and clarify existing law regarding municipal employment of private detectives.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*